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***Supplemental Examiner's Answer Under 37 CFR 41.43***

Appellant argues that "Suzuki, Mauliettie and Kizer, whether viewed singly or in combination, do not teach or suggest an anthropomorphic manipulator" as claimed in claim 11. Examiner disagrees. However, Appellant does not appear to specifically disclose a defect in the rejection, as such Examiner invites Appellant to review the rejection of 12/17/2004 to reaffirm Examiner's interpretation of the limitations such forth in claim 11, as broadly recited. Appellant argues that the invention of claim 11, has "several distinct and unobvious advantages over the convention cable support arrangements of Suzuki, Mauletti and Kizer". It is Examiner's position that such "advantages" are inconsequential. The rejection is made purely upon the structure set forth in the claims, and not upon any "advantages". Appellant disagrees with Examiner's assessment that "a device for holding and stretching the cabling such that loosely hanging loops are avoided, and stretching the cabling such that it does not conflict with objects in the working range of the robot" was not claimed. The aforementioned argument and the claim language set forth in claim 11 that "a supporting device for guiding and holding the cabling in a stretched condition", when analyzed side-by-side are structurally different; it appears that appellant is trying to read more into the claim language than what is actually positively recited in the claim. Furthermore, the use of the "for..." statement is merely intended use and therefor the prior art of record must only be capable of performing such a function, which in the opinion of the Examiner, it is able to. Appellant argues that Suzuki does not show an "anthropomorphic" robot. Examiner disagrees, for the term "anthropomorphic" is an extremely broad term meaning "having human characteristics". It is the opinion of the Examiner, Suzuki clearly fulfills the aforementioned limitation. Appellant argues that its invention has cabling that is stretched and it

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therefor allowable. Examiner disagrees, as it appears that appellant is again trying to read limitation from the specification into the claims, but not positively reciting the limitations within the claim language. Appellant argues the motivation to combine Suzuki and Mauletti. Examiner feels there is sufficient motivation to combine the analogous arts, and invites appellant to review the reasons for motivation within the previous Office Actions, and Answer.

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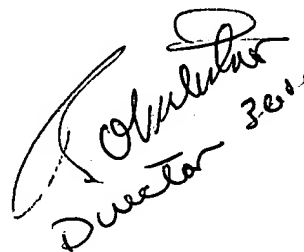
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